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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 Case No. 3:23-cv-05069-SI

11 THOMAS FAN, MATTHEW KIMOTO, and
12 CLINTON BROWN, on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,

13 Plaintiffs,

14 v.

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16 NBA PROPERTIES, INC. and DAPPER LABS,
INC.,

17 Defendants.
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**MODIFIED ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER
GRANTING PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

1 Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Settlement Class, having applied for an order preliminarily
2 approving the proposed settlement (“Settlement”) of this litigation (the “Litigation”) against NBA
3 Properties, Inc. and Dapper Labs, Inc., (“NBA,” and “Dapper,” respectively, or “Defendants,”
4 collectively) in accordance with the Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release entered into
5 on July 29, 2025 (the “Settlement Agreement”) between Plaintiffs and Defendants; the Court
6 having read and considered the memorandum of law in support of this Motion, the Settlement
7 Agreement, accompanying documents, and the record herein; and Plaintiffs and Defendants
8 (collectively, the “Parties”) having consented to the entry of this Order,

9 NOW, THEREFORE, on this 19th day of August, 2025, upon application of the Parties,

10 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

11 1. Unless otherwise defined herein, the Court adopts and incorporates the definitions in
12 the Settlement Agreement for the purposes of this Order.

13 2. The Court finds that it has subject matter jurisdiction to preliminarily approve the
14 Settlement Agreement, including all exhibits thereto and the Settlement contained therein and that
15 it has personal jurisdiction over Plaintiffs and Defendants.

16 3. Upon preliminary review, the Court finds the proposed Settlement is fair,
17 reasonable, and adequate, otherwise meets the criteria for approval under Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3)
18 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and warrants issuance of notice to the Settlement Class.
19 The Court finds it will likely be able to approve the Settlement and certify the Settlement Class for
20 purposes of judgment.

21 4. For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court provisionally certifies the following
22 Settlement Class pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3): all individuals in
23 the United States who had NBA Top Shot accounts and Facebook accounts from June 15, 2020 to
24 January 30, 2025. Excluded from the Class is any entity in which Defendants have a controlling
25 interest, and officers, directors, agents, attorneys, and employees of Defendants.

26 5. Subject to final approval of the Settlement, the Court finds and concludes for
27 settlement purposes only that the prerequisites to a class action, set forth in Federal Rules of Civil
28 Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3), are satisfied in that:

- a. The Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable;
- b. There are questions of law or fact common to the Settlement Class;
- c. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of Settlement Class Members;
- d. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel (defined below) fairly and adequately represent the Settlement Class;
- e. Common issues predominate over any individual issues affecting Settlement Class Members; and
- f. Settlement of the Litigation on a class action basis is superior to other means of resolving this matter.

6. The proposed Settlement is preliminarily approved. The Court finds that the Settlement was entered into at arm's length by experienced counsel and is sufficiently within the range of reasonableness, fairness, and adequacy, and that notice of the Settlement should be given as provided in this Order because the Court will likely be able to approve the Settlement under Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

7. The Court appoints Plaintiffs to serve as Class Representatives for settlement purposes only on behalf of the Settlement Class.

8. The Court appoints Bursor & Fisher, P.A. as Class Counsel, having determined that the requirements of Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are fully satisfied by this appointment.

9. The Court appoints Epiq Systems, Inc. as Settlement Administrator for purposes of the Settlement.

10. A hearing will be held on a date of the Court's convenience on or after December 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. via zoom before the undersigned, to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement (the "Final Approval Hearing"). The foregoing date, time, and place of the Final Approval Hearing shall be set forth in the notice to the Settlement Class, which is ordered herein, but shall be subject to adjournment or change by the Court without further notice to

1 Settlement Class Members, other than that which may be posted at the Court or on the Settlement
2 Website at www.nbatopshotvideoprivacyclassactionsettlement.com.

3 11. The Court reserves the right to finally approve the Settlement at or after the Final
4 Approval Hearing with such non-material modifications as may be consented to by the Parties and
5 without further notice to the Settlement Class.

6 12. All proceedings in this Litigation as to Defendants other than such proceedings as
7 may be necessary to implement the proposed Settlement or to effectuate the terms of the Settlement
8 Agreement, are hereby stayed and suspended until further order of this Court.

9 13. All Settlement Class Members and their legally authorized representatives, unless
10 and until they have submitted a valid request to opt out or exclude themselves from the Settlement
11 Class (hereinafter, "Request for Exclusion"), are hereby preliminarily enjoined (i) from filing,
12 commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, or participating as a plaintiff, claimant, or class member
13 in any other lawsuit or administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding in any
14 jurisdiction based on the Released Claims; (ii) from filing, commencing, or prosecuting a lawsuit
15 or administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding as a class action on behalf of any
16 Settlement Class Members (including by seeking to amend a pending complaint to include class
17 allegations or seeking class certification in a pending action), based on the Released Claims; and
18 (iii) from attempting to effect an opt-out of a group, class, or subclass of individuals in any lawsuit
19 or administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding based on the Released Claims.

20 14. By September 17, 2025, the Settlement Administrator will commence sending
21 notice to the Settlement Class, in the form (without material variation) of the Short Form Notice,
22 Exhibit A to this Order, as described in the proposed notice plan described in the Declaration of
23 Cameron Azari re: the Proposed Notice Plan ("Notice Plan"). The Short Form Notice will direct
24 Settlement Class Members to the Settlement Website to access the Long Form Notice in the form
25 (without material variation) of Exhibit B to this Order. The Long Form Notice sets forth, among
26 other information, further details about the Settlement and the options for Settlement Class
27 Members to request payment from the Settlement Fund.
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1 15. Beginning no later than the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall create
2 and maintain a Settlement Website, www.nbatopshotvideoprivacyclassactionsettlement.com, until
3 the termination of the administration of the Settlement. The Settlement Website shall include
4 copies of the Settlement Agreement, this Order, the notices to the Settlement Class, the Claim
5 Form, the motion for preliminary approval and all supporting papers, and, promptly after they are
6 filed, the motion for final approval and the Fee and Expense Application. The Settlement Website
7 shall also identify important deadlines and shall provide answers to frequently asked questions. The
8 Settlement Website may be amended as appropriate during the course of the administration. The
9 Settlement Website shall be searchable on the Internet.

10 16. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain a toll-free interactive voice response
11 telephone system containing recorded answers to frequently asked questions, along with an option
12 permitting callers to leave messages in a voicemail box. The Settlement Administrator shall also
13 maintain an e-mail address to receive and respond to correspondence from Settlement Class
14 Members.

15 17. The Court approves in form and substance the Notice Plan and the forms of notice
16 to the Settlement Class reflected in the proposed Long Form and Short Form Notices. The Notice
17 Plan and forms of notice to the Class (i) are the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii)
18 are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the
19 pendency and status of this Litigation and of their right to object to or exclude themselves from the
20 proposed Settlement; (iii) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all
21 persons entitled to receive notice of the Final Approval Hearing; and (iv) fully satisfy all applicable
22 requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Due Process, and any other
23 applicable rules or laws. Non-material modifications to the forms of notice to the Class may be
24 made without further order of the Court.

25 18. No later than ten (10) days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement
26 Administrator shall serve and file a sworn statement attesting to compliance with the notice
27 provisions in paragraphs 14-16 of this Order.
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1 19. Any Settlement Class Member that objects to the fairness, reasonableness, or
2 adequacy of any term or aspect of the Settlement, the application for Attorneys' Fees and
3 Expenses, the Service Award, or the Final Approval Order and Final Judgment, or who otherwise
4 wishes to be heard, may appear in person or by his or her attorney at the Final Approval Hearing
5 and present evidence or argument that may be proper and relevant. However, except for good cause
6 shown, no person other than Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall be heard and no papers,
7 briefs, pleadings, or other documents submitted by any Settlement Class Member shall be
8 considered by the Court unless a written objection is submitted to the Court on or before the
9 Objection Deadline, which shall be 60 days after the Notice Date. For the objection to be
10 considered by the Court, the written objection must include:

- 11 a. The case name of the Litigation;
- 12 b. The Settlement Class Member's full name, current address, telephone
13 number, and email address;
- 14 c. The Settlement Class Member's original signature;
- 15 d. Proof or an attestation that the Settlement Class Member is a member of the
16 Settlement Class, which proof may include the claimant ID code and other information
17 included on the Short Form Notice provided by the Settlement Administrator that identifies
18 the Person as a Settlement Class Member;
- 19 e. A statement of whether the objection applies only to the Settlement Class
20 Member, to a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or to the entire Settlement Class;
- 21 f. A statement of the legal and factual basis for the objection;
- 22 g. Copies of any documents that the Settlement Class Member wishes to
23 submit in support of his/her position;
- 24 h. Identification of all counsel representing the Settlement Class Member, if
25 any;
- 26 i. The signature of the Settlement Class Member's duly authorized attorney or
27 other duly authorized representative, if any, along with documentation setting forth such
28 representation; and

j. A list, including case name, court, and docket number, of all other cases in which the objecting Settlement Class Member and/or the objecting Settlement Class Member's counsel has filed an objection to any proposed class action settlement in the past three (3) years.

20. In addition to the foregoing requirements, if an objecting Settlement Class Member intends to speak at the Final Approval Hearing (whether pro se or through an attorney), he or she shall notify the Court two weeks prior to the Final Approval Hearing.

21. To be timely, a written notice of objection must either be electronically filed in the Litigation's electronic docket on or before the Objection Deadline or sent via first-class, postage-prepaid United States Mail, postmarked no later than the Objection Deadline to the Clerk of Court at the addresses below.

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Mark B. Busby	
Clerk of Court	
United States District Court for the Northern District of California	
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36060	
San Francisco, CA 94102	

22. Any objection to the Settlement submitted by a Settlement Class Member pursuant to paragraphs 19-21 of this Order must be signed by the Settlement Class Member (and if applicable, his, her, or its legally authorized representative), even if the Settlement Class Member is represented by counsel. The right to object to the proposed Settlement must be exercised individually by the Settlement Class Member and not as a member of a group, class, or subclass, except that such objections may be submitted by the Settlement Class Member's legally authorized representative.

23. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to comply with the requirements for objecting in writing described in paragraphs 19-22 of this Order: shall be deemed to have waived any such objection, shall not be permitted to object to any terms or approval of the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing, and shall be precluded from seeking any review of the Settlement by appeal or any other means. Such Settlement Class Members shall be bound by all terms of the Settlement Agreement and by all proceedings, orders, and judgments in the Litigation. Any

1 challenge to the Settlement Agreement and the Final Approval Order and Judgment approving this
2 Settlement Agreement shall be pursuant to appeal under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure
3 and not through a collateral attack.

4 24. Either Party to this litigation may, upon written application to the Court, seek to
5 depose an objector. If, upon a showing of sufficient cause, the Court grants this application, as to
6 an objector, such objector shall make themselves available to be deposed by any Party in the
7 Northern District of California or the county of the objector's residence or principal place of
8 business within seven (7) days of service of the objector's timely written objection.

9 25. Discovery concerning any purported objections to the Settlement shall be completed
10 no later than fourteen (14) days after the Objection Deadline. Class Counsel, Defendants' Counsel,
11 and any other Persons wishing to oppose timely-filed objections in writing may do so not later than
12 twenty-one (21) days after the Objection Deadline.

13 26. Any individual who wishes to exclude themselves from the Settlement must submit
14 a written Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator, which shall be postmarked and
15 mailed to the Settlement Administrator no later than sixty (60) days after the Notice Date (the
16 "Opt-Out Date").

17 27. The written Request for Exclusion must:

- 18 a. Identify the case name of the Litigation;
 - 19 b. Identify the full name, current address, telephone number, and email address
20 of the Settlement Class Member;
 - 21 c. Include the claimant ID code and other information included on the Short
22 Form Notice provided by the Settlement Administrator that identifies the Person as a
23 Settlement Class Member;
 - 24 d. Include the Settlement Class Member's original signature, and, if
25 represented by counsel, be signed by his/her counsel; and
 - 26 e. Include a statement clearly indicating the individual's intent to be excluded
27 from the Settlement.
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1 28. A Request for Exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides all of the required
2 information in paragraph 27, complies with the requirements in this Order, and is postmarked and
3 mailed to the Settlement Administrator by the Opt-Out Date, as set forth in the notice to the
4 Settlement Class.

5 29. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid written
6 Request for Exclusion shall be bound by the Settlement Agreement, including all releases therein,
7 as well as all proceedings, orders, and judgments in the Litigation, even if the Settlement Class
8 Member has previously initiated or subsequently initiates individual litigation or other proceedings
9 encompassed by the Released Claims, and even if such Settlement Class Member never received
10 actual notice of the Litigation or the proposed Settlement.

11 30. Settlement Class Members that submit valid and timely Requests for Exclusion shall
12 not receive any benefits of and shall not be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement
13 (including the releases therein), will not be bound by any further orders or judgments entered for or
14 against the Settlement Class, and will preserve their right to independently pursue any claims they
15 may have against Defendants.

16 31. The Settlement Administrator shall promptly log each Request for Exclusion that it
17 receives and promptly notify Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel as soon as is practicable
18 following receipt of any Requests for Exclusion.

19 32. The Settlement Administrator shall furnish Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel
20 with copies of any and all Requests for Exclusions, objections, notices of intention to appear, and
21 other communications that come into its possession (except as otherwise expressly provided in the
22 Settlement Agreement) as soon as is practicable following receipt.

23 33. Within seven (7) days after the Opt-Out Date, the Settlement Administrator shall
24 provide a final report to the Parties' Counsel summarizing the number of Requests for Exclusion
25 (i.e., requests to opt out), a list of all individuals who have timely and validly excluded themselves
26 from the Settlement in accordance with the requirements of the Settlement and this Order, and any
27 other information requested by the Parties' Counsel. This report must be supplemented as
28 appropriate to account for timely opt-outs not yet received by the Settlement Administrator prior to

1 the creation of the report described herein. Class Counsel shall file the opt-out list and the
2 declaration of the Settlement Administrator attesting to the accuracy of such list with the Court no
3 later than ten (10) days before the Final Approval Hearing.

4 34. To effectuate the Settlement and the Notice Plan, the Settlement Administrator shall
5 be responsible for: (a) establishing a post office box (to be identified in the Long Form Notice, the
6 Short Form Notice, and on the Settlement Website), an e-mail address, a toll-free interactive voice
7 response telephone system, and a Settlement Website for purposes of communicating with
8 Settlement Class Members; (b) effectuating the Notice Plan; (c) accepting and maintaining
9 documents sent from Settlement Class Members, and other documents relating to the Settlement
10 and its administration; (d) calculating and distributing each Authorized Claimant's Claim Payment;
11 (e) determining the timeliness and validity of all Requests for Exclusion received from Settlement
12 Class Members; (f) providing within seven (7) days after the Opt-Out Date a final report to Parties'
13 Counsel identifying number and individuals who timely and validly submitted Requests for
14 Exclusion from the Settlement; (g) preparing the opt-out list and a declaration attaching and
15 attesting to the accuracy of such list, and providing the same to Class Counsel and Defendants'
16 Counsel; (h) providing Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel with copies of any Requests for
17 Exclusion (including all documents submitted with such requests); and (i) fulfilling all other duties
18 and obligations as set forth in the Settlement.

19 35. All costs incurred by the Settlement Administrator in effectuating the Notice Plan
20 and administering the Settlement, including any Taxes and Notice and Administration Costs, shall
21 be paid from the Settlement Fund, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement without further order of
22 the Court.

23 36. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain a copy of all paper communications
24 related to the Settlement for a period of one (1) year after distribution of Claim Payments to
25 Authorized Claimants, and shall maintain a copy of all electronic communications related to the
26 Settlement for a period of two (2) years after the distribution, after which time all such materials
27 shall be destroyed, absent further direction from the Parties or the Court.
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1 37. The Court preliminarily approves the establishment of the Settlement Fund Account
2 defined in the Settlement Agreement as a qualified settlement fund pursuant to Section 468B of the
3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated
4 thereunder.

5 38. Neither the Settlement Agreement, whether or not it shall become final, nor any
6 negotiations, documents, and discussions associated with it, nor the Final Approval Order and
7 Judgment are or shall be deemed or construed to be an admission, adjudication, or evidence of: (a)
8 any violation of any statute or law or of any liability or wrongdoing by Defendants or any Released
9 Party; (b) the truth of any of the claims or allegations alleged in the Litigation; (c) the incurrence of
10 any damage, loss, or injury by any Person; or (d) the propriety of certification of a class other than
11 solely for the purposes of the Settlement. All rights of Plaintiffs and Defendants are reserved and
12 retained if the Settlement does not become final in accordance with the terms of the Settlement
13 Agreement.

14 39. Class Counsel shall file their motions for payment of attorneys' fees and expenses
15 (*i.e.*, the Fee and Expense Application) and Plaintiffs' service awards no later than twenty (20)
16 days after the Notice Date. Class Counsel shall file their motion for final approval of the Settlement
17 and any reply memoranda in support of their Fee and Expense Application at least 28 days before
18 the date set by the Court for the Final Approval Hearing.

19 40. If the Settlement is approved by the Court following the Final Approval Hearing, a
20 Final Approval Order and Judgment will be entered as described in the Settlement Agreement.

21 41. The Court may, for good cause, extend any of the deadlines set forth in this Order
22 without notice to Settlement Class Members, other than which may be posted at the Court or on the
23 Settlement Website.

24 42. This Order shall become null and void and shall be without prejudice to the rights of
25 Plaintiffs and Defendants, all of which shall be restored to their respective positions existing
26 immediately before this Court entered this Order, if the Settlement is not finally approved by the
27 Court or is terminated in accordance with the terms of the Settlement. In such event, the Settlement
28 shall become null and void and be of no further force and effect, and neither the Settlement

(including any Settlement-related filings) nor the Court's orders, including this Order, relating to the Settlement shall be used or referred to for any purpose whatsoever.

43. If the Settlement is not finally approved or there is no Effective Date under the terms of the Settlement, then this Order shall be of no force or effect; shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against Defendants of any fault, wrongdoing, breach, or liability; shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against any Settlement Class Representative or any other Settlement Class Member that his or her claims lack merit or that the relief requested is inappropriate, improper, or unavailable; and shall not constitute a waiver by any party of any defense (including without limitation any defense to class certification) or claims he or she may have in this Litigation or in any other lawsuit.

44. If the Settlement is not finally approved or there is no Effective Date under the terms of the Settlement, the Court will modify any existing scheduling order to ensure that the Parties will have sufficient time to prepare for the resumption of litigation.


45. Unless a time period is specified in "business days," which shall mean Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, excluding holidays observed by the U.S. federal government, the word "days," as used herein, means calendar days. In the event that any date or deadline set forth herein falls on a weekend or federal or state legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be deemed moved to the first business day thereafter.

46. The schedule of events referenced above should occur as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
CAFA Notice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)	Within 10 days of filing of motion for preliminary approval
Notice Date	September 17, 2025
Applications for service award and Attorneys' Fees and Expenses	October 7, 2025
Objection and Opt-Out Deadline	November 17, 2025
Claims Deadline	December 16, 2025

Final Approval Motion, response to any objections, and reply memoranda in support of Fee and Expense Application	November 21, 2025
Deadline to submit notices of appearance at the Final Approval Hearing	December 5, 2025
Claims Administrator submits declaration (1) stating the number of claims, requests for exclusion, and objections to date and (2) attesting that Notice was disseminated in a manner consistent with the Settlement Agreement or otherwise required by the Court.	December 9, 2025
Final Approval Hearing	December 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Award Issuance Date	Begins 14 days after Effective Date

Dated: August 19, 2025


 SUSAN ILLSTON
 United States District Judge